Recognition of Adarash Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthan and function under the provisions of this Scheme. There is no proposal at present to formulate any new policy in this regard.

Decline of admissions in Government schools

1374. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of admission of Government-run primary schools has declined since last year despite an overall rise in admissions;

(b) whether Government have a plan to improve the quality of education so that students are not forced to join expensive private-run schools;

(c) whether there is any data to show that mothers who have not been to school are more susceptible to withdraw their children from schools; and

(d) whether there is a plan to educate uneducated mothers on the importance of literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As per the figures compiled under District Information System for Education (DISE), the percentage of new admissions in Government schools has decline in 2005-06 as compared to last year.

(b) to (d) Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan following steps have been taken to improve the quality of education:

- Recruitment of about 7.38 lakh teachers
- Teachers' training for building the capacity of teaching process
- Grants to schools and teachers for developing local context specific teaching learning material that have potential to improve pedagogical process.
- Distribution of free text books to SC/ST and all girl students
- Provision of decentralized academic resource institutions, *viz,* Block Resource Centres and Cluster Resource Centres

- Remedial teaching to about 43 lakh children in the current year
- Development of the National Curriculum Framework 2005 by NCERT which endeavours to reduce the curriculum load and make learning more enjoyable for children.

SSA programme is a community owned programme and is being implemented with the active co-operation of civil society. This paves way to imbibe importance of education by the mothers of community which includes uneducated women also.

Budgetary allocation for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

1375. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budgetary allocation made in favour of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) designed to provide elementary education to all children is being pruned at the behest of Planning Commission:

(b) the reaction of State Governments to the proposed cut in the allocation;

(c) whether it is a fact that the funds diverted from SSA is proposed to finance secondary education; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to raise the education cess from 2 per cent to 4 per cent to provide for additional funds to this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) In the budget presented to Lok Sabha on 28.02.2007 a sum of Rs. 10,671 crores has been included for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme. The BE for the SSA was Rs. 11,000 crores in 2006-07.

(b) The State Governments have requested the Government of India to continue with the Centre State funding pattern adopted during the Xth Plan period, into the XIth Plan period also.

(c) and (d) As per budget announcement of 2007, an additional 1% Education Cess on all taxes is envisaged to fund secondary and higher education.